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Andrews Still Says 'Clay Shaw Ain't Clay Bertrand'

Attorney Speaks at Press Club Luncheon

"Clay Shaw ain't Clay Bertrand . . . and I'm the only one that knows it."

Speaking at the Press Club newsmakers luncheon Monday, Dean Andrews, who made the much quoted statement, "You've got the right ha ha, but the wrong ho ho," said he met Lee Harvey Oswald in my office. I stayed to listen to "gay wedding." But he added, "I was only introduced to him." The lawyer said he didn't think Lee Harvey Oswald knew Bertrand. "And the emphasis on Bertrand's identity is a waste

of time because he never existed in the context most people seem to imagine."

BECAME INVOLVED

Explaining how he became involved in the assassination Andrews described a day he spent in his office in 1963. "I was going fishing, but was just sitting at my desk day-dreaming when this character Lee Harvey Oswald walks into my office. I stayed to listen to the guy because I thought I'd make some bread. But I haven't made any bread. I should have gone fishing."

"Now I'm like a harpooned whale hauled onto the beach. I

can't get away. I got nowhere to go."

Andrews told newsmen that trying to duck the press is a waste of time. Referring to District Attorney Jim Garrison, Andrews said there is no sense in saying, "no comment, no comment, no comment."

Wearing sun glasses, the attorney stated that the greatest problem with the Warren Commission Report is that everybody draws his own conclusions in the so called "search for truth." But you can't define truth, he continued.

"Truth doesn't interest me; what does interest me is the facts. And one fact is I'm not guilty," he said pointing to himself.

EXPECTED TO KNOW

He said the FBI expects him to remember when Oswald walked into his office. "They expect me to open a 16-cent file on every character that comes in."

He said he was the original critic of the Warren Commission because "I told them what I thought."

"And I may be the only cat in history that's indicted, tried and convicted in the assassination of President Kennedy."

He added, "at first I thought they had me for something I'd really done."

WILL BE TRIED

Although he will be tried Aug. 9, Andrews said the trial won't resolve the issue.

"I could care less what anybody thinks — except I'll tell you one thing you better be

lieve, Clay Shaw ain't Clay Bertrand," he repeated.

Andrews told of the problems he has faced since the "mess" started. "You have fat old ladies sticking you in the behind with pins asking why you don't tell Big Jim the truth."

He said some "nits" send him dead pigeons and skunks, but others send him unsigned letters telling about everything from "The Jolly Green Giant" on down.